

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING  
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS**

**Board Meeting  
April 3 and 4, 2003**

**NURSE INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM**

Directed that only continuation scholarships and no new scholarships be awarded for 2004 due to the Kentucky Board of Nursing financial situation and the Commonwealth budget for 2003-2004.

**REFRESHER COURSES**

Approved that 201 KAR 20:095 Inactive nurse licensure status, 201 KAR 20:110 Licensure by endorsement, and 201 KAR 20:225 Reinstatement of license, be amended to require that a refresher course must have been completed within two (2) years of the date of application for licensure.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER REGULATION**

Approved that 201 KAR 20:411 Sexual assault nurse examiner program standards and credential requirements, be amended for consistency with the 2002 statute.

**NURSING EDUCATION**

Approved that 201 KAR 20:220 Nursing continuing education provider approval, be revised to include the National Association of Nursing Practitioners in Women's Health on the list of national nursing organizations recognized by the Kentucky Board of Nursing for approval of continuing education offerings.

**NURSING PRACTICE**

Approved the draft "Advisory Opinion Statement on Patient Abandonment by Nurses," and that it replace AOS #90-24 entitled "Abandonment of Patients by Nurses."

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of September 6, 2002 from M. Dickens, RN, Campbellsville, Kentucky, on the performance of therapeutic phlebotomy via a central venous line access by registered nurses.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of February 18, 2003 from M. Dickens, RN and M.A. Simmons, RN, Campbellsville, Kentucky, on the performance of initial pain assessment by licensed practical nurses.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of January 10, 2003 from A. Madden, RN, Louisville, Kentucky, on the role of the licensed practical nurse in the aspiration of a central venous catheter.

Approved the Advisory Opinion Statement #99-03 entitled "Roles of Nurses in Intravenous Therapy Practice," as revised: It is within the scope of licensed practical nursing practice to aspirate a central venous catheter to confirm patency, via positive blood return; however, the withdrawal of blood specimens via a central venous catheter is not within the scope of licensed practical nursing practice.

**NURSING PRACTICE (CONT'D)**

Approved Advisory Opinion Statement #91-26, "Roles of Nurses in the Delivery of Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Via Ambulance Services," as revised.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Approved 201 KAR 20:225 Reinstatement of license, as revised.

**ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE (ARNP)**

Approved 201 KAR 20:057 Scope and standards of practice of advanced registered nurse practitioners, as revised.

**KENTUCKY ALTERNATIVE RECOVERY EFFORT (KARE)**

Approved 201 KAR 20:450 Alternative program, as revised.

**GOVERNANCE**

Adopted the Leadership Transition Plan.

**DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN**

Approved 201 KAR 20:470 Dialysis technician credentialing requirements and training program standards, as revised.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request from Tracy Harris, RN, Fresenius South Louisville, on the role of the dialysis technician in providing site care and initiating central venous catheter port treatments.

Directed that the Board host a meeting in the Fall of 2003 for dialysis technician training program administrators and dialysis facility administrators to review 201 KAR 20:470 Dialysis technician credentialing requirements and training program standards.

**INTEGRATED PRACTICUM**

Approved 201 KAR 20:320 Standards for curriculum of prelicensure registered nurse programs, and 201 KAR 20:330 Standards for curriculum of prelicensure practical nurse programs, as revised.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Directed that the strategic initiative for a birth month renewal process be changed to investigation of alternative renewal processes.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING (CONT'D)**

Directed that, in view of its primary mission of protection of the public, the Kentucky Board of Nursing will continue to be supportive and cooperative with parties in the public arena for issues relating to nursing faculty shortage, controlled substance prescribing by advanced registered nurse practitioners, healthcare errors and interdisciplinary teams, the patient care workplace, keeping up with the changing work arena, increasing the nursing image through increased opportunities, and supervision opt out for nurse anesthetists.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following is a list of Board Officers elected for the 2003-2004 term:

M. Susan Jones	President
June Bell	Vice President
Beth Partin	Secretary
Lori Davis	Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION FOR REGULATION OF NURSING ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL**

Approved a resolution on regulation of nursing assistive personnel for submission to the 2003 Delegate Assembly, National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**

Accepted the written and verbal response to the letter to show cause that approval of the program be continued, from the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Kentucky State University, Frankfort.

Approved the continuation of conditional approval status for the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Kentucky State University, Frankfort.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Approved seven (7) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of twenty (20) Agreed Orders, eight (8) Consent Decrees, and the removal of one (1) license from probation.